

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for displaying time left for an on-line auction of an item conducted by an on-line auction service in a computer of a bidder, said method comprising the steps of:

obtaining the processor time in the computer of the bidder,

obtaining the official auction time for said on-line auction in the computer of the bidder from said on-line auction service,

obtaining the auction time left for said item in the computer of the bidder from said on-line auction service,

comparing in the computer of the bidder the obtained processor time to the obtained official auction time,

determining in the computer of the bidder the processor time left for said item in said on-line auction based on the processor time in response to the comparing step and said obtained auction time left,

displaying in the computer of the bidder the processor time left for said item.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of displaying includes the step of visually counting down the time left in at least one graphical icon.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 2 wherein the graphical icon is a clock face having an indicator moving in a direction towards zero wherein zero corresponds to the end of said on-line auction.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 2 wherein the step of displaying includes providing a plurality of graphical icons, each of said plurality of graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 60 minutes.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 30 minutes.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 10 minutes.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 60 seconds.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:
providing an icon during said on-line auction,
clicking on the icon to activate the displaying of the time left.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method for displaying time left for an on-line auction by an on-line auction service in a computer of a bidder, said method comprising the steps of:

~~obtaining the processor time in the computer,~~
obtaining the official auction time for said on-line auction in the computer of the bidder from said on-line auction service,
~~setting the processor time to the obtained official auction time,~~
determining in the computer of the bidder the time left for said on-line auction ~~based on the processor time in response to the comparing step,~~
displaying at least one graphical icon in the computer of the bidder visually counting down the time left to the end of the on-line auction.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 11 wherein the graphical icon is a clock face having an indicator moving in a direction towards zero wherein zero corresponds to the end of said on-line auction.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 11 wherein the step of displaying includes providing a plurality of graphical icons, each of said plurality of graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 13 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 60 minutes.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 13 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 30 minutes.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 13 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 10 minutes.

Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 13 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 60 seconds.

Claim 18 (original): The method of claim 10 further including the steps of:
providing an icon during the said on-line auction,
clicking on the icon to activate the displaying of the time left.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A method for displaying time left for an on-line auction by an on-line auction service in a computer of a bidder, said method comprising the steps of:

obtaining the processor time in the computer of the bidder,
obtaining the auction time for said on-line auction in the computer of the bidder
from said on-line auction service,

comparing in the computer of the bidder the obtained processor time to the obtained auction time,

determining in the computer of the bidder the time left for said on-line auction based on the processor time in response to the comparing step,

displaying in the computer of the bidder the time left.

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